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**3rd Congress**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration
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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Conditions Governing Access note

The records are governed by Rule VII(3)b of the House Rules:

(b) (1) A record shall immediately be made available if it was previously made available for public use by the House or a committee or a subcommittee. (2) An investigative record that contains personal data relating to a specific living person (the disclosure of which would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), an administrative record relating to personnel, or a record relating to a hearing that was closed under clause 2(g)(2) of rule XI shall be made available if it has been in existence for 50 years. (3) A record for which a time, schedule, or condition for availability is specified by order of the House shall be made available in accordance with that order. Except as otherwise provided by order of the House, a record of a committee for which a time, schedule, or condition for availability is specified by order of the committee (entered during the Congress in which the record is made or acquired by the committee) shall be made available in accordance with the order of the committee. (4) A record (other than a record referred to in subparagraph (1), (2), or (3)) shall be made available if it has been in existence for 30 years.

Records of Legislative Proceedings

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## Collection Inventory

### Records of Legislative Proceedings 1793-1795

#### Journals 1793-1795 0.41 Cubic feet

##### Scope and Contents note

The journals series includes a legislative journal, 1st session (3A–A1) and 2d session (3A–A2).

#### Bills and a Resolution Originating in the House 1793-1795 0.041 Cubic feet

##### Scope and Contents note

The bills and a resolution originating in the House include engrossed House bills (3A–B1), arranged numerically; and engrossed House joint resolution 15a respecting certain laws of the Territory Northwest of the Ohio (3A–B2).

#### Committee Reports and Papers 1793-1795 0.25 Cubic feet

##### Committee on Claims 1793-1795

##### Biographical/Historical note

The Committee on Claims is one of the oldest standing committees in the House of Representatives. It was established on November 13, 1794, having been preceded by Select Committees on Claims. The committee was to consider all petitions and matters or things touching on claims and demands on the United States and report appropriations of money for payment of claims it had authorized.

## Committee Reports and Papers

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Originally the Committee on Claims had jurisdiction over Revolutionary War and land claims as well as pensions. In the years that followed, other committees were created to handle special types of claims such as war claims, pensions, and private land claims. Under the 1880 revised House Rules, subjects relating to "private and domestic claims and demands other than war claims against the United States" were to be referred to the Claims Committee. At the end of the 79th Congress the committee was abolished under the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, and jurisdiction over the subjects that had formerly been referred to it was transferred either to the Judiciary Committee or the executive departments.

### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Claims various subjects (3A–C1.1).

### **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged alphabetically.

Committee on Elections 1793-1795

### **Biographical/Historical note**

The Committee on Elections was established as the first standing committee of the U.S. House of Representatives to perform this function on April 13, 1789. The jurisdiction of the committee was to examine and report on the certificates of election and other election credentials, as well as election returns and proceedings for elections of House Members, and to contest elections of Members where these credentials and election proceedings were not deemed valid. The committee was known as the Committee on Elections from 1789 until 1895, when it was split into three separate election committees.

### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the Committee on Elections document the contested election cases of Henry Latimer v. John Patton, Delaware (3A–C2.1); and Henry Van Rensselaer v. John Van Allen, New York (3A–C2.2).

## President's Messages

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### **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged by subject.

### **Controlled Access Headings**

#### **Personal Name(s)**

- Latimer, Henry, 1752-1819

Select Committees 1793-1795

### **Scope and Contents note**

The committee reports and papers of the select committees document various subjects (3A–C3.1).

### **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically.

### **President's Messages 1793-1795 0.16 Cubic feet**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The president's messages include documents on foreign and frontier relations accompanying messages of December 16, 1793, and March 3, April 15, and November 20, 1794 (3A–D1).

#### **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically.

### **Reports and Communications Submitted to the House 1793-1795**

**Other Records**

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**Scope and Contents note**

The reports and communications submitted to the House are from the Secretary of State (3A-E1); the Secretary of the Treasury, including two volumes, one of which extends to the 4th Congress, 2d session (3A-E2); and the Secretary of War, including one volume (3A-E3).

**Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group.

**Other Records 1793-1795****Scope and Contents note**

Other records include Oliver Walcott's exhibition of the principles upon which Treasury accounts are kept, April 14, 1794 (3A-F1).

**Records of the Office of the Clerk 1793-1795****Index 1793-1795 0.25 Cubic feet****Scope and Contents note**

The index is of transcribed reports of the Committee on Claims, 3d Congress, 2d session, to 19th Congress, 1st session (3C-C1). For the index to committee reports and to reports and communications from executive departments, see 1C-D1, 1st Congress, 1st session, to 14th Congress, 2d session.

**Record Book 1793-1795 0.16 Cubic feet****Scope and Contents note**

## Records of Committee Reports

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The record book consists of a petition book, 1st Congress, 1st session, to 3d Congress, 2d session (1C-A1).

### **Records of Committee Reports 1793-1795 0.33 Cubic feet**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The records of committee reports include transcribed reports of the Committee on Claims, 3d Congress, 2d session, to 5th Congress, 2d session (3C-A-1); and the Committee on Ways and Means, select and standing, 3d Congress, 1st session, to 7th Congress, 2d session (3C-A2). Also included are transcribed reports of select committees, 1st Congress, 1st session, to 4th Congress, 1st session (1C-B1).

#### **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group.

### **Records of Reports from Executive Departments 1793-1795 0.5 Cubic feet**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

The records of reports from executive departments include transcribed reports and communications from the Treasurer of the United States, 3d Congress, 2d session, to 4th Congress, 2d session (3C-B1); and the Secretary of War, 3d Congress, 1st session, to 5th Congress, 3d session (3C-B2). Also included are reports of the Treasurer of the United States, 2d Congress, 2d session, to 3d Congress, 2d session (2C-A2); the Secretary of State, 1st Congress, 1st session, to 4th Congress, 1st session (1C-C1); and the Secretary of the Treasury, 2d Congress, 1st session, to 4th Congress, 1st session (2C-A1).

#### **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged chronologically within each group.